

It is my opinion that the large broadcasting and media conglomerates have far too much money in influence and need to be broken down to a more local or regional scale. While a large number of small broadcasters in local markets might not have the financial ability to survive, or to provide international coverage, the FCC has swung too far in the other direction allowing vast media conglomerates to become established concentrating too much control of our "independent media" to be in the hands of a few individuals. Rather than concentrating on the use of profanity in broadcasting the FCC should be focusing on this far more pervasive issue.

As to local information carried on Satellite radio, I believe that Satellite radio should have only national broadcasts and transmit all of its broadcast channels to all regions of the CONUS equally. If local traffic and weather are transmitted to all of CONUS and the Sat Radio broadcasters want to use their bandwidth that way, then I have no objection. But if they are using spot beams or their local "fill-in" towers for this local content carriage, then I believe it is in violation of their license and their license should be revoked.

Local radio is a far more useful and critical resource than local TV broadcast and needs to be better protected, financially, from national reach carriers. In emergency situations we in the public have access to battery powered radios but almost never to battery operated TV's. Since local radio remains free to the public (unlike cable TV) the consumers do not require the competitive influence of the Satellite broadcasters to help bring price competition to the marketplace.

Regards,  
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